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WASHINGTON AP - The Sunday Star of Washington says the Justice Department has refused to supply the Senate Judiciary Committee with its files on the International Telephone & Telegraph antitrust case.

The newspaper reported Sunday that acting Deputy Atty. Gen. L. Patrick Gray III, in a letter to Committee Chairman James O. Eastland, D-Miss., refused to turn over the files because "they include confidential summaries, investigatives reports and intradepartmental communications."

The Star quoted Gray as saying that releasing such material would "severly inhibit obtaining confidential information . . . necessary to effectively carry out the law enforcement policy . . ."

Eastland, reached by phone at his home in Ruleville, Miss., said he had not yet received such a letter. The Justice Department declined comment, saying that the committee would have to release any correspondence.

The committee has been reviewing circumstances surrounding the antitrust settlement at the request of Atty. Gen. designate Richard G. Kleindienst, whose nomination is pending before the Senate.

Kleindienst asked for the review following columnist Jack Anderson's publication of a memorandum linking the antitrust settlement with ITT's pledge to help underwrite the

1972 Republican convention.

Anderson attributed the memo to ITT lobbyist Dita Beard, who since has described it as a fraud.

Former Asst. Atty. Gen. Richard McLaren, meanwhile, said that the ITT convention pledge had nothing to do with the antitrust settlement.

McLaren, now a federal district court judge in Chicago, was head of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division at the time of the out-of-court settlement.

"I guarantee you that the Republican convention site and ITT's contribution to that had absolutely 100 per cent nothing to do with the settlement that I made," McLaren said.

He was interviewed on the CBS TV-radio program "Face the Nation."

McLaren said he didn't know why investment banker Felix Rohatyn, an ITT director, first went to Kleindienst, then deputy attorney general, with a hardship plea that eventually led to the settlement that was reached.

But McLaren said he came under no pressure from either the White House or his superiors at the Justice Department to reach a settlement.

He described the agreement under which ITT agreed to divest itself of several smaller companies in return for permission to keep Hartford Fire Insurance Co. as "a very good, I might say top settlement."

McLaren described the memo attributed to Mrs. Beard as incredible. And he said he thought ITT had made a mistake by destroying many of the documents in its Washington office following publication of the memo by Anderson.

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